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RESOLUTION NO. 14

DEDICATION OF FUNDS

Whereas, under the stimulation and financial support afforded by the Pittman-Robertson and Dingell-Johnson federal grants-in-aid programs, great advances in the wildlife research and management have resulted and this program would not have been achieved without that help, and there is urgent need for continued stimulation, encouragement and financial support of the programs eligible under these acts and the need will continue, and the provisions which dedicate the federal excise tax on sporting arms, ammunition and fishing tackle for wildlife and fisheries restoration purposes and the requirement that the states use their hunting and fishing funds for fish and game activities are essential provisions in both acts, and the experiences of the state conservation agencies responsible for these matters are that these provisions are highly desirable and that they do not create serious budgetary or financial problems either in the federal government or in the individual states,

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners in annual convention assembled at Seattle, Washington, this 17th day of September, 1954, that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners, which includes among its membership the official state conservation agencies of all of the 48 states, does hereby reaffirm its approval of these acts and specifically of the dedication for conservation and restoration purposes of excise taxes and of state hunting and fishing license contributions by the users of the resources and we strongly oppose efforts to eliminate these provisions from the Federal Aid Acts.

RESOLUTION NO. 15

EXTENSION OF WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT

Whereas, the Congress by the Act of June 30, 1948, as amended, in consequence of the benefits resulting to the public health and welfare by the abatement of stream pollution, declared it to be the POLICY OF CONGRESS to recognize, preserve and protect the primary responsibilities and rights of the states in controlling water pollution, to support and aid technical research to devise and perfect methods of treatment of industrial wastes which are not susceptible to known effective methods of treatment, and to provide federal technical services to state and inter-state agencies and to municipalities in the formulation and execution of their stream pollution abatement programs, and

The authority to provide technical assistance, together with grants and loans in the total amount of \$22,500,000 expires on June 30, 1956, and

There is now proposed legislation to encourage the prevention of stream pollution by providing accelerated amortization deduction for facilities built to treat industrial wastes by fast write-offs of invested capital for industrial waste treatment facilities,

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners in annual convention assembled at Seattle, Washington, this 17th day of September, 1954, that Congress be urged to extend and increase the authorization of the Water Pollution Control Act of June 30, 1948,

Now, be it further resolved that Congress be requested to amend this act to give the Federal Pollution Control Board authority to abate pollution on any stream over which the federal government has control, which tributary is causing pollution in a federally controlled stream, where the state pollution authority involved, if any, has failed to abate such pollution with sufficient funds to carry out these provisions.

RESOLUTION NO. 16

CONTRIBUTIONS OF NON-PAID COMMISSIONERS APPRECIATED

Whereas, it has long been one of the objectives of this association to see the accomplishment of a closer understanding of wildlife administrative problems between the employed directive and administrative staffs of wildlife management departments and the non-paid boards of advisors and commissioners, and rapidly developing trends emphasize the importance of this element in wildlife administration, and this conference has so effectively made an important step toward attainment of these goals.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners assembled in convention at Seattle, Washington, this 17th day of September, 1954, expresses its sincerest appreciation of and gratitude for the intelligent and constructive contributions made at this meet-